

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Serial No.: TBD, Continuation of 09/431,066

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
FORWARDING A CALLER  
IDENTIFICATION FOR A CREDIT  
CARD OR CALLING CARD CALL  
TO AN AUTOMATIC NUMBER  
IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM OF A  
TELEPHONE NETWORK

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Entry of the present Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/431,066, filed November 1, 1999 (allowed), which is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/846,077, filed April 25, 1997 (issued as U.S. Patent 5,982,866).--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claims 15 to 24.

--15. (New) In a telecommunications network, a method for providing calling party identification information to a called party, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a query from a switch, the query including information associated with